





If you have questions/comments about this program at Pope, e-mail thatguy@pope.af.mil

Up Next

Family Cook-

The A&FRC is having a cookout for deployed and remote families Tuesday from 6 to 8 p.m. at Woodland Park. Leadership and Phoenix Spouses are encouraged to attend. To RSVP, call 394-2538.

Domestic Violence Awareness Month

In observance Domestic Violence Awareness Month, the 43rd Airlift Wing is hosting the following events:

Thursday - Prayer breakfast at the Chapel Annex from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. Must RSVP to 394-1657 or 394-2761 to attend.

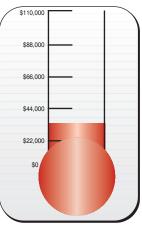
Oct. 7 - Domestic Violence Training

Oct. 10 - Domestic Violence Informational Workshop from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. For reservations, call 394-1657 or 394-2761.

For more information on Domestic Violence Awareness month, call 394-1657 or 394-2761.

CFC tracker

CFC Chart **Current as of Monday**



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11 DUIs for 2007



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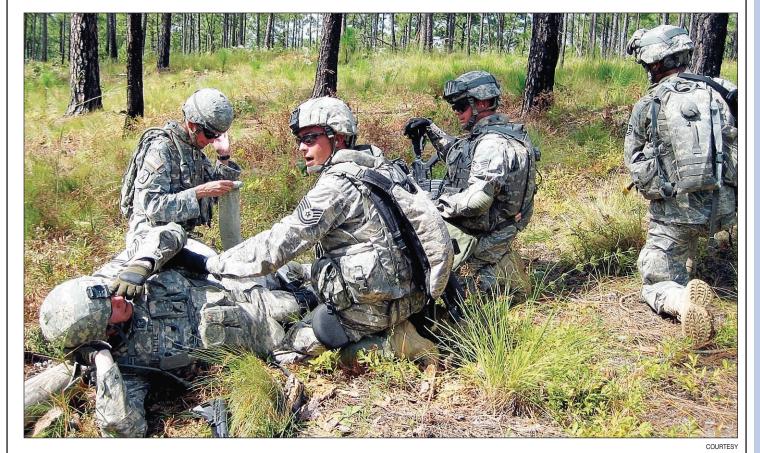
For a free, anonymous ride home midnight to 6 a.m. Friday to Sunday, call Airmen Against Drunk Driving at 394-AADD.

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Provincial Reconstruction Team



Tech. Sqt. Arthur Sawyer, a member of the Provincial Reconstruction Team deploying to Nangarhar Province, calls for additional assistance during a simulated combat medical scenario during PRT training on Fort Bragg Sept. 14. Sergeant Sawyer, deployed from Shaw Air Force Base, S.C., is one of more than 175 Airmen training alongside Soldiers and Sailors in preparation to deploy with the joint PRTs.

Training prepares PRTs to help Afghan people

By Airman 1st Class Mindy Bloem

Airmen and Soldiers alike sat in a fiveman Humvee waiting patiently for the target to pop up, provoking the gunner to act with nimble hands as he unleashed his weapon on the threatening target.

This mixed group of Air Force and Army has been working together for more than two months to receive the necessary skill sets and training to perform the duties of a Reconstruction Provincial Team Afghanistan.

There are 24 PRTs currently operating in Afghanistan under NATO's International Security Assistance Force. Coalition forces run half and U.S. forces operate the other 12 teams, of which the Air Force has six and the Navy has six.

A PRT includes a military component and civilian representatives of U.S. (or other national) government foreign affairs agencies. In a U.S.-led PRT, this usually includes a representative from U.S. Agency for International Development, the Department of State, and the Department of Agriculture.

The U.S. government, civilians and the military commander form an executive committee of equals, which develops a strategy for the PRT, drawing on the expertise of all contributing agencies. The PRT's mission

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2006 Combined Federal Campaign

Pope Air Force Base Goal \$110,000

includes assisting the Afghan government with its security, governance and reconstruction efforts.

Currently, there are more than 175 Airmen at Fort Bragg training with their joint teams in preparation for deployment in late October. Each PRT team is comprised of approximately 80 members, including Air Force, Army, Army reservists and Army National Guardsmen, who make up the security detail for the team. One Navy PRT also contains several Airmen filling positions. The teams will deploy to provinces throughout

Some Airmen find themselves deploying for the first time, but are excited for the chance to get their feet wet with the new additional duties that come with a joint mission like this one.

"I didn't expect it to be quite like this," Air Force Staff Sgt. Andrew Palmer, a member of the PRT deploying to the Nangarhar Province, said. "They said we would be going to an Army unit. I expected some stuff going blue to green, but this has been an experi-

"They brought together a hodge-podge of just about every different career field you can get," said the sergeant, who deployed from Lackland Air Force Base, Texas. "We got here and they say, 'Okay, you're a driver and you're a gunner.' But we are just blasting

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90%

80'

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60%

50

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through it, and everyone seems to be impressed with how well our PRT is performing. I am happy with it." Senior Master Sgt. Leroy Lefiti, a member

of the PRT team heading to Laghman Province, knows this joint environment has its share of challenges but also strongly believes in the team's mission. "We have some young troops who have never been in a joint environment, so there

are some growing pains," he said. "It's really learning their terminology, learning their heartbeat and trying to get everyone in step. "It's important to remember that the PRT

is not the Army," said Sergeant Lefiti, who is deployed from Ramstein AB, Germany. "It is an integrated team, so when we are talking PRT, we are talking one unified group. I am just looking forward to helping another country restore themselves economically, getting them back on their feet. That is pretty much our mission right there."

Army Sgt. Brian Kiely, a civil affairs team

sergeant with PRT Nangarhar, agreed. "When we first started, there were definite cultural differences, but everyone has to come halfway with their beliefs in order to train and get along with each other," he said. "Eventually you get a routine in and everything starts working like clockwork."

See PRT on Page 15

Combined Federal Campaign

The Combined Federal Campaign is a charitable drive exclusively for Federal employees. It was created in 1961 by executive order of President John F. Kennedy to eliminate year-round solicitation in the workplace by charitable organizations. Over the years it has become the hallmark means by which Federal employees give to charities and local

This year's campaign period runs through Dec. 15. The Pope campaign will run for seven consecutive weeks ending Oct. 31. The CFC program is a Designation Campaign with more than 2,000 organizations listed. It affords donors the convenience of payroll deduction and the ability to designate their contribution to the organization(s) of their choosing.

The Wing project coordinators for the 2008 CFC Campaign are Capt. Dana Longo at 394-2157 and Master Sgt. Patrick Garcia at 394-7266.

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Airman's **Manual Test**

These questions have been taken from the Airman's Manual to help you prepare for the upcoming Operational Readiness Inspection. Please be familiar with these questions and your Airman's Manual.

The 43rd Airlift Wing XP office would like to recognize 43rd Civil Engineer Squadron for their expertise in assisting with this test.

Airman's Manual reading: Pages 60 - 80

A. Medical and Mission

1. The WOC has battle

staff representatives from

Support functions B. Operation and Mainte-

nance functions C. Major tenants and host-

nation forces D. All of the above

2. The Unit Control Center is the focal point for

A. Command, Control, Communications, Computer and Intelligence (C4I)

B. Command, Control, Communications (C3)

C. Command and Control (C2)

D. Issuing Meal Cards

3. The purpose(s) of the Survival Recovery Center is/are

A. b and d

B. Nerve Center for airbase ground operations and attack protection

C. Recovery Operations

D. Recover Operations and recommends and executes WOC directed actions

4. The four "R's" in UXO reporting are:

A. Recognize, Regarding, Recoil, and Report

B. Respond, Retreat, Replicate and Redundancy

C. Recognize, Reclaim, Run away, Reduce

D. Recognize, Record, Retreat and Report

5. A Hardened Aircraft Shelter provides optimum protection for

A. Snow removing apparatus, 29 passenger buses, coffee makers

B. Camouflage netting, support poles, tie down stakes

C. Aircraft, vehicles, equip-

D. Mascots, working dogs, cats

ANSWERS: 1. D 2. C 3. A 4. D 2. C

Our Heritage Guides Us

By Col. John McDonald 43rd Airlift Wing Commander

→ he Air Force celebrated its 61st birthday Sept. 17, and while you obviously didn't hear as much about it this year as you did during last year's 60th birthday celebration, there are events going on everyday to remind us of the history that has made us the world's greatest air and space

We've already begun practicing for the Oct. 17 dedication of our wing headquarters building and parade field to Lt. Col. Jay Zeamer and 2nd Lt. Ioseph Sarnoski, respectively. You may have already seen Colonel Zeamer's name on the wing building, and as we speak there are signs being built to mark the parade field in Lieutenant Sarnoski's name.

Those of you who are

involved in the parade, whether it is planning or marching, get to showcase our wing's heritage to a large audience on Oct. 17, including Maj. Gen. Winfield Scott, 18th Air Force Commander, and members of both the Zeamer and Sarnoski families. I have no doubt this will be another first-class event from Team Pope — a day when we create our own history.

We're also creating history every week, it seems, by putting together top-notch performances when

challenged by a visiting inspection team.

Last week, our Airmen from the 43rd Operation Support, Civil Engineer and **Communications Squadrons** shined during the Air Traffic System Evaluation Program inspection. Our Team received a compliance rating of 97.3 percent with only 22 deficiencies noted after evaluating 822 items. The Evaluation Team recognized six Superior Performers: Tech. Sgt. Holly Todd, Tech. Sgt. Angela Yetto-Newton, Staff Sgt. Lonnie Theriault, Staff Sgt. James Thompson, Senior Airman Michelle Hanna and Mr. Harry Miller. Additionally, and most importantly in my mind, the inspectors lauded the outstanding teamwork amongst the squadrons involved and across the base, and they specifically

So, we've hit homeruns in our LSEP, EOHCAMP, HSI and the ATSEP — that just leaves the Operational Readiness Inspection. I am confident of the same outstanding results and I also understand how much preparation we've put into the ORI and how successful we were at the ORE earlier this month; that said, we are still finishing up the execution of a phase one practice today and we'll practice again Oct. 14 and 15

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positive attitudes and profes-

sionalism of our Airmen.

to ensure our edges are sharpened and our finish is polished, guaranteeing we come away with an "Outstanding" rating at the end of next month.

Be sure to listen to your functional area leaders who know what the inspectors are looking for. We've kept a positive attitude since day one, so don't let it slip away because you failed to follow a simple ground rule, such as entering the play area when you are off shift and not having the proper gear to participate in the scenarios. (Easy technique, when you're off shift, stay out of the play area.)

The play rules do not discriminate between folks based upon rank or position, so if you see somebody not following the rules, correct them. It's part of being a good Wingman, and it may be a case of somebody not being aware of the situation. If you don't correct that mistake and the inspector is watching, it could simply compound the infraction.

We are all solid in our areas of expertise and I know you'll show that off during the inspection...there's no reason to let little mistakes keep us from receiving the rating our dedication and hard work deserves.

In case you haven't heard, our Airmen Appreciation **Dinner** is set for Oct. 15 at the Pope Club. Planning is coming together very well and I hope



Col. John McDonald, 43rd Airlift Wing Commander, briefs during the Wing Commander's Call Thursday at the base theater. Colonel McDonald briefed on many issues including the Combined Federal and Fall Safety Campaigns.

all folks from airman basic to senior airman will plan to attend. The dinner will be free for the Airmen and their families and will be served by the base leadership. The event is one night a year when we show our appreciation for the job done by our youngest Airmen day after day.

Special thanks to Capts.

Erin O'Toole and Mary **McGriff** for bringing in the Sex Signals play last week as part of the kickoff to **Domestic Violence** Awareness Month; look for other events to increase your awareness and involvement. Additionally, be on the lookout for the upcoming

"OctSober Fest," I promise it will be both enlightening and fun.

Remember our CFC is in full swing and in order to maximize the power of the team, I count on your participation! Someone asked me the other day, who wouldn't give \$15 a month to help prevent their mother, sister or wife from being stricken with breast cancer? The answer was easy; we all would. Please take the time and be a Difference Maker!

Finally, as we continue to Fall Back on Safety, remember to BE SAFE, keep an eye on your WINGMAN and never be THAT GUY!

Commander's Helpline

394-HELP (4357) commanders.helpline1 @pope.af.mil

The Commander's Helpline is your direct link to Col. John McDonald, 43rd Airlift Wing commander.

If you have worked through normal channels and aren't satisfied, Helplines are an opportument someone or make suggestions. You must include a name and phone number for a

Helplines of general interest will be published in the Carolina by letter or phone call.

Remember, the most efficient way to solve a problem is to talk directly to the responsible office or follow your chain of command.

You can call the Commander's Helpline at 394-4357 or email to commanders.helpline @pope.af.mil.

Helpful numbers

Emergency					
(Base Phone/home phone)					
					Helping Hand Hot line
					Crime Stop
Pope Clinic					
Pass and Registration394-269					
Security Forces					
Legal Office					
Chapel					
Military					
Personnel Flight					
Pope Club,					
collocated					
TRICARE					
Customer Service1-877-TRI-CAR					
Civil Engineers					
Inspector General394-230					
Family Support					
Center					
Child Development					
Center					
Kitty Hawk Inn					
Dining Facility					
Housing Management394-486					
Bowling Center					
Fitness Center					
Finance (Military Pay)394-462					
AAFES Shoppette497-818					
Public Affairs					

Wingman of the Week



Airman 1st Class Christine Brokate, 3rd Aerial Port Squadron, works to prepare a flight manifest at the Passenger Terminal on Pope. A flight manifest contains all passenger information for any given flight.

Airman 1st Class Christine Brokate 3rd Aerial Port Squadron

Job description: I process and load Space Available and space required passen-

gers. Date entered military: Dec. 6, 2005.

Reason entered military: To better myself as a person and to give myself time to decide what I wanted to do

with my life.

Who has been the most influential person in your career? My father. He is a retired sergeant major in the Marines. He has helped me make the best decisions for myself and my career.

Short term goals: To finish my associate's degree before the new year.

Long term goals: To get my bachelor's degree in criminal justice and then start on my master's degree.

What do you think is the best thing about Pope, and why? My family is only two hours away.

If you could change one thing about Pope, what would it be, and why? I would like to see the shoppette and gym open 24 hours so that shift workers could use them.

Back to Basics with 12 leadership philosophies

Senior Master Sgt. Phil Poole 43rd Operations Group Chief Enlisted Manager

→ he Air Force has started to focus on going "Back to Basics." Based on this vision, I offer the following 12 hardhitting leadership philosophies.

1. "You don't support your captain because you like him; you support him because he's got the job, or you're no good!" A powerful quote from The Caine Mutiny. The final scene with the defense attorney and the young naval officers is a must see. Slanderous remarks, failing to follow orders, undermining authority, and propagating rumors are attributes best left for those who do not belong in the Armed Forces.

2. Accountability is the single greatest weapon in the arena of enforcing standards and it must be applied at all levels of the Air Force. Lt. Col. Sheila Robinson, 9th Mission Support Squadron Commander, accurately summarizes accountability when she stated, "As leaders, how can we expect an individual to be responsible when we are failing to hold him or her accountable? As we draw down our forces, we cannot continue to spend our time and resources on individuals who make bad choices and continue to engage in activities that are not compatible with the Air Force. Airmen want to be held accountable for their choices."

3. Leading by example is factually based and needs no voice of reason or explanation. The Honorable Michael Donley, Secretary of the Air Force nominee, states, "My charge to every Airman remains steady: to ensure that your every action adheres to the highest standards of Integrity First, Service Before Self, and Excellence in All We

4. Lead or leave! We are at war and our Airmen deserve the best we have to offer. Please consider pressing the retirement or separate button when you no longer want to exceed the standards you levy upon your Airmen.

5. We need Leadership not Likership! Being a popular leader has little to do with being an effective leader. The Likership leader will undermine authority and consider themselves popular among young impressionable Airmen. The Likership leader is one of the greatest disrupters in a unit. A good leader doesn't do the popular thing; a good leader

does the right thing. 6. When morale is low, always investigate a lack of discipline as the primary root cause. It starts with a lack of discipline and ends with apathy. Nine times out of 10 a unit with a large number of apathetic Airmen can be traced to a lack of discipline. Failing to enforce policies, procedures, and directives affects even the most outstanding Airmen.

7. If you can't keep up, you'll get left in the dust. Generally speaking, the speed of subordinates is commensurate to the speed of the leader. Therefore, subordinates will suffer the consequences of a leader who is unwilling to change or keep pace.

8. For every one minute you spend correcting a substandard Airman, spend two minutes providing positive feedback to an above average Airman. Recognizing and rewarding outstanding performance must override the amount of time spent correcting substandard behavior so that outstanding behavior will be the status quo.

9. There is nothing wrong with today's Airmen. I've listened patiently as several SNCOs and NCOs have expressed their frustration with today's Airmen. These leaders do not realize I decode this attitude as "We are unable to lead, inspire, or motivate our voung 20-something Airmen. Therefore, the Airmen are at fault, not us."

10. I have arrived! No one will remember your parking spot, big desk or "I love me wall." You'll be remembered for your dedication to duty after you have arrived at each career milestone. You're promoted on potential, but you're judged on

11. No one cares about your career more than you do. The moment you accept the outcome of all career decisions is the

moment you take control of your career. Although many individuals will have a vested interest in your career, you will be ultimately held accountable for the success of your Air Force

12. Followership must be practiced at all levels of leadership. In his book 'American Generalship', Edgar Puryear Jr. interviewed then Secretary of State Colin Powell and asked him why he believed he was selected to be chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. General Powell replied, "Beats me. I worked very hard. I was very loyal to people who appointed me, people who were under me, and my associates. I would give you my very, very best. I would always try to do what I thought was right and I let the chips fall where they might. . . . It didn't really make a difference whether I made general in terms of my self-respect and self-esteem. I just loved being in the Army."

Let's close with a powerful CSAF Vector. General Norman Schwartz states, "We draw strength from our heritage, warfighting ethos and expeditionary mindset. Peerless precision and reliability are our nonnegotiable commitments. We will work relentlessly to earn and keep the trust of our civilian leaders, our Joint and Coalition partners, and the American people. The Air Force must always be ready to: see anything; range it; observe or hold it at risk; protect, supply, rescue, support, or destroy it."

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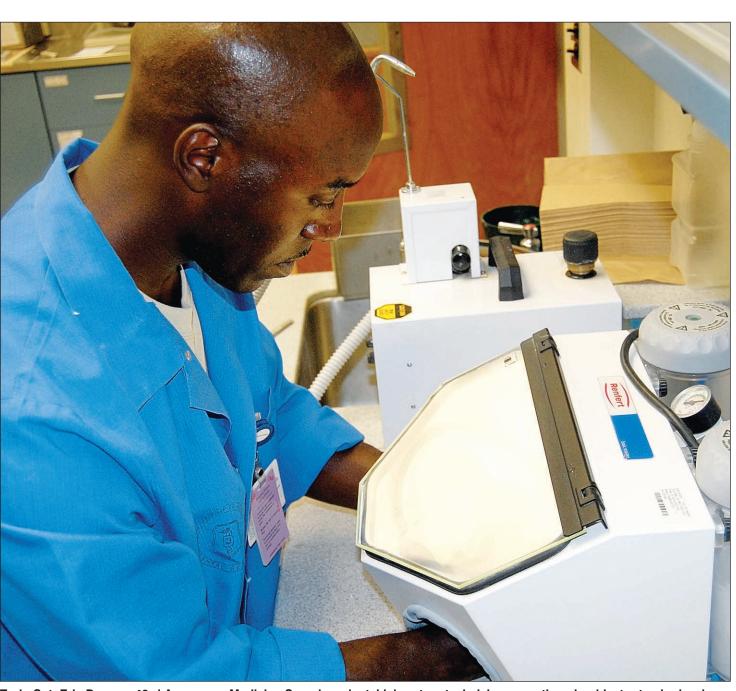
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A Day in the Life of a ... Dental Lab Technician



Tech. Sgt. Eric Devese, 43rd Aerospace Medicine Squadron dental laboratory technician, uses the microblaster to air abrade the gold casting with aluminum oxide to recover the crown and remove any remaining investment.

Story and photo by Airman 1st Class Mindy Bloem

Editor's note: "A Day in the Life of a ..." is part of a 10-week series which focuses on some of Pope's various career fields and offers a first-band perspective to

When I noticed those brilliant black and gold colors displayed on the iconic "terrible towel" hanging near Tech. Sgt. Eric Devese's work station, my apprehensions about being in a new environment were suddenly wiped away as I realized I was in the presence of a fellow "Steelers"

I had decided to spend the day with the dental laboratory

much thought to who was working behind the scenes creating that perfect fit for whatever dental work you needed done during

As I walked into the work area of Pope's only two laboratory dental technicians, I had a sudden flashback to my high school's science lab. There were goggles and Bunsen burners set up at their stations as well as other high tech equipment dispersed around the room. I sat down by Sergeant Devese who was fabricating a crown for a patient's tooth.

According to Sergeant Devese, there are five main steps involved in making a crown for a tooth.

stages. He was waxing the crown for full contour of the tooth. I watched as he used the Bunsen burners flame to heat up the sharp instrument he was holding. He would then dip the instrument into the wax and carefully apply a small amount to the crown's ridges. He made it look so easy that when he asked me if I wanted to try, I assumed I could do it with little difficulty. Let's just say I don't think I'll be cross training anytime soon. First of all, you have to place the sharp instrument under a certain part of the flame in order to get the right temperature.

Secondly, you can't leave the

technicians of the 43rd Aerospace Fortunately for me, I arrived in instrument under the flame for Medicine Squadron. Now if you time to see him working on the too long or short a length of time. are like me, you have never given crown in the very beginning Also, when you dip the hot, sharp utensil into the wax, you must make sure to get just the right amount of wax on the tip, which means it's important to not leave it in the wax for too long. Finally, when you apply the wax to the crown, you must be careful to apply it quickly and evenly so as

not to leave clumps. Needless to say, my technique needed some refining and Sergeant Devese demonstrated great patience in attempting to teach me. It didn't take long for me to give the instrument back to him and watch a real expert work.

Staff Sgt. Candice Reffitt is the other dental technician, and they both seem to get along very well

together, which seems a necessity since they are the only two people in that room for hours on end. They both remarked on how it would be very awkward and uncomfortable if they did not get along. They seemed to communicate and work together with the greatest of ease, and throughout the day the dental assistants and dentists would come in to get something and stop what they were doing for a moment to joke and talk with both of them.

I enjoyed seeing them spending time in the laid back atmosphere and admired the way they worked meticulously on their dental projects. It was comforting to see two people so invested in their jobs. I knew that if I ever needed dental work done, I didn't have to worry about the quality. In fact, Sergeant Devese said the military is more concerned with quality and getting it done right than with trying to get it done in too much of a hurry. He told me it's important to be a perfectionist because whatever they work on is going into someone's mouth permanently. He said it's not like a hamburger where you say, "Oh, it's done enough."

It was obvious they each took great pride and satisfaction in their work. Nothing was done hastily or sloppily. In fact, because if you are working on one project too long and you feel you need a break from it, you can work on something completely different, so their work never suf-

As I watched them work, I noticed how the dentists would come back there to congratulate them on a job well done.

Dr. (Capt.) Jae Lee, a former dental technician, told me that more than 99 percent of the time the dental work, such as a crown or filling, is done correctly and he is able to insert it into the patient's mouth. He said that is a good indication of the great work

I also got to watch Dr. Lee insert a crown into his patient's mouth, a crown crafted by our very own dental technicians.

After watching Dr. Lee insert the crown, I made my way back to the lab in time to see Sergeant Devese take the previously waxed crown, which had been encased in a stoned investment, and place it in an oven heated to more than

1,300 degrees. This step was done to burn out all of the wax properties, leaving a cavity which was later replaced by molten gold using a broken arm casting machine which acts as a cen-

This was very exciting for me because Sergeant Devese let me use the blow torch to melt down the gold pieces that were placed inside the crucible. In all my life, I never thought I could use the sentence, "I melted gold today." It was definitely a unique experience. Sergeant Devese informed me that because gold is a precious metal, they have to keep it locked in a safe until it is time to melt it. After I melted the gold, he made the crucible spin around much like your washing machine does, and the gold shot into the cast he had placed in there.

He then took the cast to the sink and dropped it in a container of cold water to quench it. After it cooled, he used an instrument to break the cast off. He then put it into the microblaster machine and blasts off any remaining debris. Sergeant Devese told me that any mistakes done during this step of the process were unfortunate because that meant you had to start all over. I crossed my fingers and hoped for the best, especially after watching Sergeant Reffitt said it was nice how painstakingly they worked on these projects.

Fortunately, no mistakes hap-

He then took the crown over to his table and gingerly performed the final steps to the process. He took a disc cutting tool, which looked to me like a miniscule version of a circular saw, and used it to make any final adjustments. After that was done, he used a very tiny buffing tool to polish the crown to a beautiful golden shine. This last step took as much time and attention to detail as the previous steps had

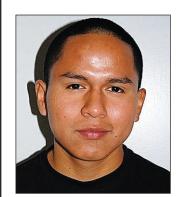
I was able to see the entire crown process from beginning to end. It gave me profound confidence in the work our dental technicians do, as well as the work ethic of our entire clinic.

The next time you find yourself getting some type of dental work done, perhaps you should take a moment to thank these diligent technicians who work behind the scenes. I know I

Pope talks

By Tech. Sgt. Todd Wivell Staff writer

What is your favorite thing about the fall season?



"Cooler weather."

— Airman 1st Class Jorge Guallpa 43rd Logistics Readiness Squadron



"Philadelphia Eagles football and the leaves changing colors."

> — Master Sgt. Melissa Daugherty 43rd Force Support Squadron



"This is my first fall season here, so I look forward to seeing the leaves change colors and the cooler weather."

> 43rd Contracting Squadron

- Viktoria Reed



"The leaves changing colors makes more to see when you are running and Tennessee Volunteers football."

— 1st Lt.
Patrice Reviere
43rd Maintenance
Group



Speak today, shape tomorrow with AF Climate Survey

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, TEXAS — Have you ever wished you could tell your leaders what you think? That power will soon be at your fingertips with the launching of the 2008 Air Force Climate Survey Oct. 1 through 8. During that time, individual e-mail invitations will be sent out Air Force-wide that will include a survey link and easy-to-follow instructions.

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"This is an opportunity for Airmen across the Air Force to have a voice," said Col. Daniel Badger Jr., commander of the Air Force Manpower Agency, whose organization is responsible for administering the survey. "By voluntarily completing this survey, you can help our leaders identify what is going well and what needs improving."

The 2008 Air Force Climate Survey, which will run from Oct. 1 to Nov. 26, is designed to assess the opinions and perceptions of the Air

Force's active-duty members, Reserve, Guard and civilian personnel (appropriated and non-appropriated) on a wide range of topics. These topics include job characteristics, trust (both in senior leadership and in immediate supervisor), support for deployment, resources, recognition, general satisfaction, and unit performance and unit characteristics.

The 2008 survey is the sixth Air Force-wide survey conducted since 1997. This year's version has been streamlined and will include 50 percent fewer questions. The survey will also be customized to accommodate major command-specific questions, and will include comment questions so people can express their opinions on issues they feel strongly about.

"This survey should only take about 15 to 20 minutes to complete instead of the 45 to 55 minutes it took to finish the previous

surveys," said Dorathy Felberg, of AFMA's Air Force Survey Office. "We've had great support in the past and again we're looking for maximum participation."

Once the data is gathered, the results will be briefed to the secretary of the Air Force and Air Force chief of staff, and then released to the Air Force's unit leaders sometime in early 2009. Upgrades to the Air Force Survey System for 2008 will allow commanders to access their reports earlier than in previous years, enabling them to start making changes immediately.

"Through the survey, people can voice their concerns on issues that directly affect them and their units' mission, with a view on improving the Air Force mission worldwide." Colonel Badger said. "Look for your personal invitation coming to your inbox Oct. 1 through 8."

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News

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OctSober Fest: Pope is celebrating sobriety with a base-wide OctSober Fest Oct. 3. The celebration begins with a 5K run at 7 a.m. Registration is the morning of the event in the parking lot behind the 43rd Security Forces Squadron, Bldg 378. The first five to finish in their respective category receive a free "OctSober Fest" T-shirt. A mandatory briefing for Pope members 25 and under on the consequences of alcoholism will be conducted by Robert Hillicker, a former flying squadron commander at 9 a.m., 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. Free bratwurst and sauerkraut sandwiches prepared by the First Sergeants Council will be available and given out in the booth area. Booths are located behind the 43rd SFS building in the same area as registration for the 5K. Airmen Against Drunk Driving is sponsoring a \$1 showing of Dark Knight at the Pope Theater beginning at 7 p.m. For more information, call Senior Airman Jason Gilley

■ AMC Icon: The Scott Club hosts the Air Mobility Command Icon finalists, including Pope's own Staff Sgt. Marivic Williamson, Oct. 23 at Scott Air

at 394-1479.

Force Base, Ill., and features the Air Force Band of Mid-America. AMC Icon will feature active-duty Air Force vocalists

from all 11 bases in AMC. As an added feature, the command finals will also be broadcast via IPTV to the clubs at all major AMC installations. The command performance of Icon is scheduled for 6:30 to 9 p.m. CST. AMC's active duty vocalists will be competing for \$2,000 in cash prizes and the winner will also receive a special invitation to audition with the Air Force Tops in Blue -Air Force's premier entertainment showcase.

■ Airmen's dinner: Pope's annual Airmen's Appreciation Dinner is Oct. 15 from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Pope Club for airman basic through senior airman and their families. There will be free food, a DJ, dancing, prizes and much more. For more information, call Master Sgt. Sylvia Ford at

■ CAC closure: The Community Activities Center is currently closed for renovations. The staff has been relocated to Bldg. 285. For more information, call 2779/4238.

■ Voting information: The November general election is now within two months and time is running out to request an absentee ballot from your registered county's Board of Elections Office. Listed below are three easy steps on how to ensure your absentee ballots and vote is counted.

☐ Obtain and complete the

Federal Post Card Applica-

tion form (aka FPCA or SF 76) by downloading it from the below website or by obtaining a hard copy from your Unit Voting Assistance Officer. The FPCA is the form that will register you to vote and request that your absentee ballot to be to you.

http://www.fvap.gov/reso urces/media/fpca.pdf

☐ When filling out the FPCA, make sure to follow the instructions outlined under your registered state's section of the Voting Assistance Guide located at the Web site below. Once you complete filling out the FPCA, mail the FPCA to your registered county's Board of The Elections Office. address of your registered county's Board of Elections Office is also located within the VAG located at the following Web site http://www.fvap.gov/uniformed-service-members/request-registrationabsentee. ballot/index.html

☐ Approximately 30 days after you mail in your FPCA, you will receive your Absentee Ballot package. Fill out the ballot and promptly mail it back as per the instructions contained within the package you're done.

For insightful answers to frequently asked voting questions

Community Corner

Transition assistance workshop

The A&FRF is offering a three-day workshop Oct. 6 through 8 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. This workshop is designed to assist those transitioning out of the military with how to apply their skills in the civilian sector. Topics include skills assessment, career planning, job search techniques, resume preparation, interview techniques and VA benefits. This workshop is a joint effort between the DoD, Department of Labor, and the Department of Veteran's Affairs. This free workshop is recommended at least 180 days prior to leaving the military. You must attend the mandatory 90 minute pre-separation briefing prior to registering for this workshop. To register, call the A&FRF at 394-2538.

Hearts Apart lunch

Plan to attend this month's Hearts Apart Luncheon Oct. 3 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Meet people in the same situation. Lunch will be served and information will be available for programs able to assist with the separation.

Family cookout

The A&FRF is having a cookout for deployed and remote families Wednesday from 6 to 8 p.m. at Woodland Park. Leadership and Phoenix Spouse are encouraged to attend. To RSVP, call 394-2538.

Small Business Seminar

The A&FRF is having a small business seminar Wednesday from 2 to 4 p.m. This seminar teaches people what to consider when starting your business. To reserve a seat, call 394-2538.

Outside the gate

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■ Golf Tournament: Veterans of Foreign Wars Post See NEWS on Page 6 | 9103 in Spring Lake is hosting

their annual fund raiser golf tournament at Carolina Lakes Golf Course, Buffalo Lake Road in Harnett County Oct. 4 with a shotgun start at 8:30 a.m. There will four-person teams playing 🔊 captain's

choice format, and there will be a barbecue lunch after the tournament. The cost is \$45 per person or \$180 per team. Please call 497-2218 for more infor-

Cumberland ■ The County Fair: This is the last

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made by Air Force Airmen at home, deployed or in TDY status, visit http://www.afcrossroads.com/VoteFund/Vote/def ault.htm If you need any assistance or have any questions regarding absentee voting, call your UVAO or call 1-800-438-VOTE (8683). Don't just defend democracy, practice it.

■ Job fair: The Fort Bragg Army Career and Alumni Program is hosting a Fall Job Fair Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Fort Bragg Officer's Club, Bldg. 1-4930 on Armistead and Totten Street. The Job Fair is open to Pope, Fort Bragg and the public. Employers with positions worldwide, nationally, regionally and locally will be on hand to talk to. For more information, visit the Job Fairs link on the Fort Bragg ACAP Web site at http://www.acap.army.mil or call the Fort Bragg ACAP Centers at 396-2227 or 432-0842.

■ Hispanic Heritage event: Pope and Fort Bragg are conducting a joint Hispanic Heritage Month observance event Thursday at the Ritz-Gymnasium / Epps from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. There will

also be free food, dance entertainment and special guest speaker Yvonne Pena, Durham Human Relations Director. These observances are designed to enhance cross cultural awareness among servicemembers, family members and civilians. For more information, call 2nd Lt. Curtis Lloyd at 394-4059 or Sgt. 1st Class Roxanne Williams at 396-2123.

■ EPR/OPR retrieval: Air Force officers and enlisted now have a way to safely and securely check their performance reports by following these two easy steps:

☐ Log on to Air Force Personnel Center Secure applications (the same screen as if you were going to your Virtual Military Personnel Flight)

Click on the ARMS member button

■ Thrift shop: The Pope Thrift Shop is located in Bldg. 357, next door to the base library. Hours of operation are Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Thursday evenings 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Persons with access to Pope may shop at the store. Consignments are accepted from Department of Defense id card holders, regardless of rank or branch of service. For more information, call 394-2427.

■ **ITT:** Pope Information, Tickets and Travel has discounted movie tickets available for the Carmike Cinemas in Fayetteville. Tickets can be used for the Market Fair 15 on Skibo Road, Carmike 12 in the Westwood Shopping Center and the Wynnsong 7 on Boone Trail Drive. Carowinds will turn into "Scarowinds" as of today through Oct. 31 and Kings Dominion will host

usaf services loween Information Haunt" Tickets from &Travel today through Nov. 1.

Busch Gardens Europe in Williamsburg, Va. is now open on weekends only now through Oct. 26; they will offer "Howl-O-Scream" in the park now through Oct. 26.

Tickets are still available for the upcoming Disney On Ice Show "Disneyland Adventure" Oct. 24 through 26 at the Crown Coliseum. All seats are located in Section 117 and are \$15.50 per person. Showtimes are Oct. 24 at 7 p.m.; Oct. 25 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Oct. 26 at 2 p.m. For more information, call the Pope ITT office at 394-4478/5462.

Volunteer

Editor's note: To request volunteers, submit briefs to the Carolina Flyer by calling 394-1723 or e-mailing carolina. flyer@pope.af.mil.

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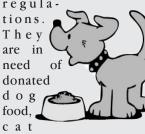
■ Football volunteers: Individuals interested in earning money for their private organizations can volunteer at NC State, Duke and East Carolina games

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earn \$7 NCAA an hour for their private organization. They must wear khaki pants, T-shirts and tennis shoes to work at any event. Once they sign in, they will be given a shirt to wear while on duty. General duties include parking detail, ushering, and ticketing. For more information, call 394-8320/6518.

■ Airman's Attic: Volunteers are needed to help sort donated items and man the Airman's Attic. For more information, call 394-2538.

■ Animal Haven: The Haven no kill animal shelter in Raeford needs help making improvements to meet new state regula-



food, building materials, labor or volunteer help with fundraisers. For more information, call 875-6768 or visit www.thehaven-nc.com.

ASK THE DOC

43rd Medical Group ... Healthy Forces • Healthy Families



Q: I'm an active-duty Air Force member. What should I do if I am interested in corneal refractive surgery?

A: You must be at least 21 years of age and must have completed two eye exams at least one year apart. Your prescription must be stable — no more than a 0.50 diopter in the prescription for each eye. If we determine that your eyes are stable we will give you a surgery information packet to complete. You must obtain the appropriate signatures and return the surgery forms to us to be placed on our waiting list. Once we get to your name on the list, you will be scheduled in our clinic for a complete preoperative work-up. The completed application is then sent to the surgery center of your choice. The surgery center staff will make contact with the patient to schedule the surgery. After surgery, you are required to complete all follow-up appointments at the local optometry clinic. At a minimum, this includes a one month, three month, six month, 12 month follow-up.

Please send your questions to askthedoc@pope.af.mil. We look forward to hearing from you!

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weekend for the Cumberland County Fair at the Crown Center. The last day will be Sunday. Fair Hours:

☐ Friday: 5 p.m. to midnight

☐ Saturday: noon to midnight ☐ Sunday: noon to 9 p.m.

Admission is \$6, children under two years old are free. For more information call 438-4140 or visit www.cumber-

landcountyfair.org. Street: ■ Sesame Sesame Workshop, the nonprofit organization behind Sesame Street, the USO (United Service Organizations) and Fort Bragg MWR have partnered to bring The Sesame Street Experience for Military Families to 43 military installations across the country. The live performances will be at noon, 3 p.m., and 6 p.m. on Wednesday and Thursday at Tolson Youth Activities Center. The 60-minute experience features a 25-minute mini-show, an opportunity to connect with great outreach organizations that are providing materials for the military family community, giveaways and a group photo framed by the Muppets. Tickets are free and available through Fort Bragg Tickets and Tours. There is a limit of six tickets per family. For more information, please

call 396-TOURS. ■ Riverfest: The 30th annual Riverfest in Wilmington, N.C. celebrates life and culture on the Cape Fear River with a three-day festival Oct. 3 through 5. This year's festival provides something for everyone beginning Oct. 3 with a Great Pumpkin Carving Contest from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. on the riverfront and at 8 p.m., the Main Stage rocks the riverfront with beach music legends, the Fantastic Shakers. Best of all, most events are free (competitions may require registration fees). On Saturday and Sunday, a street fair winds its way through Downtown Wilmington. The area's rich heritage is demonstrated by more than 200 Arts and Crafts vendors selling art and handmade crafts and more than 30 food vendors serving festival edibles. For more information, visit www.wilmingtonriverfest.com or call 452-6862.

■ Smith Lake Riding **Stables:** Fort Bragg's Smith Lake Riding Stables has planned the following events that are open to the public:

☐ Extreme Fun Trail Course Competition. Sunday, 9:30 a.m. The entry fee for this event is \$25.

For more information, call 396-4510.

■ Oktoberfest : The Oktoberfest at the Fort Bragg Fairgrounds begins Oct. 9 and ends Oct. 19. It is open to the public and accessible from Bragg Boulevard via Howell Street. Unlimited carnival rides and entertainment are included in one low admission price. Gates open at 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and at 1 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Children under 2 are

admitted free of charge

throughout the fair. Admission

5 to 7 p.m., \$5 Ages 3 and up 7:00 p.m. and after, \$10 General

prices are as follows:

Monday to Thursday

Admission

\$8 Children Ages 3 to 9 \$8 Military/DoD Civilians

\$5 Handicapped Nonriders

\$5 Senior Citizens Nonriders

Ages 50 & above Friday to Sunday

\$14 General Admission

\$12 Children Ages 3-9

\$12 Military/DoD Civilians

\$5 Handicapped Nonriders

\$5 Senior Citizens Nonriders

Ages 50 & above

Take advantage of Customer Appreciation Days, Mondays through Thursdays, 5 to 7 p.m. where admission is \$5 for ages 3 and over. For information, call 396-9126 or 396-6126.



Pope Club introduces sunday brunch

Story and photo by Emily Smith

The Pope Club now offers sunday brunch every Sunday starting at 11 a.m. This component of Pope Club services is designed to give families a chance to get out on the weekends and enjoy a nice meal together.

Beth Tuulaupua, Pope Club Manager, has worked tirelessly along with the cooks and her staff to make sunday brunch a

"We have developed many 'regular' customers at lunch," Ms. Tuulaupua said. "It is really nice to see them joining us on Sunday for brunch. This is the really fun part of the job – to see our customers come to the club and have a great time with their family and friends."

Planning efforts have changed from week to week in order to perfect the program.

was a complete success," said Ms. Tuulaupua. "We tested the water by asking for reservations. We only received reservations for 12 people, but we had an additional 70 people walk in within 15 minutes of opening.

"It was hectic at first, but we did manage to get everyone seated and fed. We will always accept reservations, but our planning will be geared toward walk-in customers."

The feedback the club has received has been very positive.

"Our customers are thrilled with the amount and quality of the food, as well as the price per person," Ms. Tuulaupua said. "We are the only place in the immediate area that offers a Sunday brunch and our customers are excited to have an opportunity to participate. They really want the program to succeed as much as we do."

Nadine Ecklund agrees. She and her daughter Sheree

"Our first Sunday Brunch McGavran have attended brunch

both times it has been available. "I can't give enough praise," Mrs. Ecklund said. "The food, presentation and service are excellent. It is very elegant. We plan to come back every week.

"We'll do our part," she said. "We want this to roll!"

"We want brunch to be a total hit," Ms. Tuulaupua agreed. "The first month or two of brunch will be a learning experience for our entire staff. We've added a larger selection of food items, mostly in response to our customer comments and requests."

There is a wide variety of food offered. Chef Rob Gibson the made-to-order omelette station, while chaffing dishes filled with grits, potatoes, bacon, sausage and eggs are available. There are also pastries, fruit and salad. Lunch items are also offered, like steamed vegetables, fried chicken and ham. Top it all off with ice cream and a vari-



Nadine Ecklund enjoys sausage patties and potatoes while her daughter, Sheree McGavran, eats an omelette made-to-order with fresh eggs, green peppers, onions and cheese.

ety of different cakes and you've everyone under 4 eats free.

got a veritable feast.

"We definitely encourage The cost for adults is \$12.95, anyone to make reservations to Pope \$14.95 for non-members. Chil- ensure we have a table for them between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. at dren aged 5-12 cost \$5.95 and when they arrive," Ms. Tuu-

laupua said.

To make reservations, call the Club Monday-Friday 394-2779/4238.

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Perfecting and Practicing Aerial Refueling over North Korea

By Keith Alexander

43rd Airlift Wing Historian

Following the end of World War II, the Cold War heated up between the United States and the Soviet Union. The threat of Soviet world domination prompted the American government to reorganize its military force, which included the formation of a separate and independent Air Force.

From its inception, the U.S. Air Force worked to develop combat air power capable of being delivered within 24-hours anywhere in the world.

The Air Force needed the ability to refuel its aircraft, while airborne. The 43rd Bombardment Wing (Medium) (43 BW (M)) was helping to develop the Air Force's aerial refueling capabilities.

In January 1948, Gen. Carl Spaatz made aerial refueling a top priority for the new Air Force.

By May 1948, the U.S. Air Force had purchased two sets of Alan Cobham's refueling equipment. Mr. Cobham's refueling interests dated back to the early 1930s when he pioneered the probe and drogue method of refueling.

According to various sources, these two sets were fitted onto two B-29 Superfortress aircraft that month. At Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, early tests were successful enough to prompt the Air Force to order all new B-50 airplanes fitted with receiving equipment in May

A month later, the Air Force created two squadrons, the 509th Aerial Refueling Squadron and the 43rd Aerial Refueling Squadron. They assigned the 43rd ARS to the 43 BW (M) at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Arizona.

The first test conducted by these two squadrons involved a hose system. By the fall of 1948 both squadrons were experimenting with a boom system. In 1950, the 43 BW (M) set a record when the Lucky Lady II departed Carswell Air Force Base, Texas.

From Feb. 26 to Mar. 3, the Lucky Lady II flew non-stop around the world in 94 hours and one minute. This feat was made possible by aerial refueling. Lucky Lady II refueled over West Africa, near Guam in the Pacific Ocean, and between Hawaii and the U.S. west coast. Four KB-29M tankers from the 43rd ARS conducted these aerial refueling missions. Now, the Air Force activated four more refueling squadrons.

Within two months of the Lucky Lady II's record setting flight, North Korea attacked South Korea on June 25, 1950. North Korea's aggression forced the United States and her allies to deploy combat troops to the Korean Peninsula.

Within a year, aerial refueling squadrons started rotating into Korea. Although there is some controversy about when, where and who did the first combat aerial refueling, all parties agree that it hap-

pened during the Korean War.

On Sept. 28, 1952, Lt. Col. Harry Dorris fired up his RF-80 Shooting Star jet and headed down the runway at Yokota Air Force Base, Japan.

Since his aircraft was loaded down with armament, Colonel Dorris' two 265 gallon tanks were not filled with fuel. Once airborne, the colonel met a KB-29M tanker, which topped him off, while flying at 15,000 feet over the Pacific Ocean.

Now, the pilot headed to his North Korea target, which was located at Kilchu. There, he dropped his two 500pound bombs on a four story building containing enemy supplies.

Before flying to Onjin Peninsula, he refueled again, this time over North Korea. At Onjin, Colonel Dorris shot his four six-inch rockets at a supply dump. Afterwards, he flew to Yangdok, where he unleashed his machine guns upon an enemy troop bivouac

From that point, he flew reconnaissance for other aircraft the remainder of the day.

After dark, he refueled again over Central North Korea. When Colonel Dorris landed that night, he had spent 14 hours and 15 minutes flying combat missions.

The 43rd ARS made Colonel Dorris' flight possible by refueling him several times over North Korea. More importantly, this flight epitomized what General Spaatz envisioned when he prioritized aerial refueling.



SARC Improvisation Show

Actors Brian Golden and Fawzia Mirza perform an interactive improv show for Pope members Sept. 16 and 17. The show focused on signals people send while dating based on gender stereotypes and sexual fantasies that can lead to sexual harassment/assault and date rape. The show was mandatory for active duty members ages 25 years and younger but all Pope members were encouraged to attend.

Had too much to drink and need a safe ride home?

Call Airmen Against Drunk Driving for a free, anonymous ride anytime from midnight to 6 a.m Friday through Sunday. Dial **309-4252** or call the base operator at 394-1110.

TMAS gives free books to military families

By Samantha BeamParent to Parent Specialist

Tell Me A Story is a community wide literacy event open to all Pope and Fort Bragg families. This event will take place Oct. 19 from 3 to 4:30 p.m. at Pope's Green

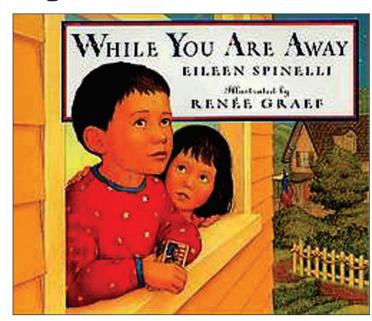
Tell Me A Story: Making Connections and Finding Support through Literature is a Military Child Education Coalition initiative created to empower our military children by using literature and their own stories in a way that fosters skills for resilience, strong peer and parent connections, a sense of pride and accomplishment, and a caring community.

The event will feature a very special children's book, "While You Are Away," written by Eileen Spinelli, which focuses on children and deployment.

At the beginning of the program families will have the opportunity to tour a C-130 aircraft. After the tour, Col. John McDonald, 43rd Airlift Wing Commander, will read "While You Are Away."

The day will end with a parent/child discussion and activity to help families cope with the many separations they face in today's military.

There is no charge for this event and each family will receive a copy of this book to



add to their home library.

Reservations for this family event must be made by Oct.

The Military Child Education Coalition, is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, world-wide organization and a model of positive leadership and advocacy.

MCEC is focused on ensuring quality educational opportunities for all military children affected by mobility, family separation and transition.

The Fort Bragg Parent to P2P Team is hosting the Tell Me A Story event. P2P is another MCEC initiative funded by the U. S. Army, whose purpose is to train military parents to be their child's strongest and most positive advocate on educational relat-

ed issues.

The P2P program provides informative and interactive educational workshops to groups and organizations in the local community.

Workshops are offered to all military connected parents of school-aged children, including parents of preschoolers.

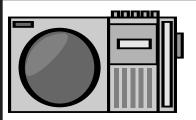
Participants receive high quality resources and materials that will assist them in their role as their child's best advocate.

To make a reservation, learn more about the workshops offered and/or to schedule a workshop for your organization, call the Fort Bragg P2P Team at 494-1663.



Honorary Commander visit

Airman 1st Class Jarred Fischer, 14th Air Support Operations Squadron, explains his combat equipment and the M-9 pistol to Honorary Commanders Judge James Ammons, 18th Weather Squadron, and Connie Mack Johnson, 43rd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, during the 18th Air Support Operations Group Day Sept. 17. Honorary Commanders are local civic leaders who come together at least quarterly to learn about Pope's mission, people and equipment, and then help pass that information along to the community at large through their contacts outside Pope's gates.



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Story and photos by Airman 1st Class Mindy Bloem Staff writer

embers from Pope's 43rd Medical Group, 43rd Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron and 3rd Aerial Port Squadron recently deployed to provide Squadron and 3rd Aerial Port Squadron recently deployed to provide humanitarian and medical support for Hurricane Gustav. The teams from Pope assisted more than 372 patients at Lakefront Airport in Louisania.

While each team had its own unique mission to perform, all three squadrons pitched in to get the main mission accomplished, which was to get as many patients as possible safely out of the area before the hurricane hit.

Other valuable assets to the mission were Senior Airmen Kenneth Baker and Brian Hamilton, 3rd APS, who provided a forklift which turned out to be the only piece of equipment available to support cargo movement in Louisiana.

"The most important lesson I learned from this is no matter what your job is if you work as a team, you can get the job done faster," Airman Hamilton said.

The 43rd MDG and 43rd AES were also sent to Brownsville, Texas to help with Hurricane Ike, but were returned to Pope when the hurricane redirected its course.

The 43rd AES is one of the first response units for Air Force relief efforts. They have had major involvement in the relief efforts of Hurricanes Katrina, Rita, Gustav and the California wildfires in 2007.

The team from Pope provided around-the-clock care to the constant influx of evacuees during Hurricane Gustav. The newly-formed Mobile Aeromedical Staging Facility team, all of whom are from the 43rd Medical Group, worked side by side with the 43rd AES during training last month in order to learn how to do their job effectively as a MASF team during missions like these.

"(The 43rd Medical Group) did a great job during training," said Maj. John Connelly, 43rd AES. "They were always ready to meet the challenges. In their case, the glass is always half-full, not half-empty. We trained them to be ready and they did

"We formed a great team working with the folks from the AES putting into action what we had been training for and even more," said Capt. Dana Longo, 43rd Medical Support Squadron. "Actually working in a real-world situation was much more intense and involved a lot more multitasking. The AES was a big help pointing us in the right direction," she said.

One of the Pope Aeromedical Evacuation Liaison Team members, Capt. Mark Wimley, 43rd AES, was also impressed with the team effort.

"I think the medical group personnel have done a wonderful job," he said. "They've adapted to a lot of challenges that weren't expected, that they weren't trained for, but they overcame and did it anyway."

Previously, only the members of the 43rd AES formed the MASF teams, but the medical group individuals are now making up that team and the members of the 43rd AES trained with them in order to properly pass the torch.

"It was a seamless integration," said Capt. Charles Moniz, 43rd AES. "I think it helped that we did training with them so we knew what they knew. When they got (to Louisiana), they stepped up and formed the MASF."

Phoenix Spouse program provides relief to Pope families

By Emily Smith

The Phoenix Spouse program, offered through the Airmen & Family Readiness Flight, is a community resource promoting individual, family and unit readiness. Also called Key Spouses, the program offers peer-to-peer support for military families new to a base, going through a deployment or for anyone who just "needs to talk." Phoenix Spouses are directly linked with the A&FRF, which provides information about base services.

The program evolved from an idea to form a service of military spouses helping other military spouses. After it was realized that the number of spouses and family members

neared the number of Airmen, it was decided that the best way to get information out was through families.

The Phoenix Spouse's role includes a wide variety of support duties, including offering a helping hand to families during difficult times, welcoming incoming Airmen and their families to their respective squadrons, as well as providing family readiness information.

Anyone interested in becoming a Phoenix Spouse should contact their respective squadron's commander. The commander appoints the individual in writing and refers them to the A&FRF for training. Once the training is completed, the A&FRF will forward the names of the Phoenix Spouses who have completed

the training to the first sergeants and commanders.

Yvonne Haskins, Flight Chief at the Airman and Family Readiness Flight, said she thinks this is a worthwhile program. "The Phoenix Spouse program is so important," Ms. Haskins said. "It supports squadron commanders in their efforts to keep fingers on the pulse of military members and their families."

A Phoenix Spouse is thoroughly connected to the squadron they're serving with. The Phoenix Spouse's performance directly impacts the quality of life and morale of squadron families. Both the commander and squadron first sergeants rely on the Phoenix Spouse's judgment, reliability, and positive atti-

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> — Yvonne Haskins **A&FRF Flight Chief**

tude in accomplishing the goals of the program.

"As for all programs, it's important to have an extra ear on the ground or an extra set of eyes out in the community," said Tech. Sgt. Jems Smith. "The Phoenix Spouse program is not only a liaison between the squadron as the program was set up to be, but it's a liaison for all people programs."

Sergeant Smith said he believes in the effectiveness of the program. "The strongest quality of the program is that it's usually a volunteer spouse that wants to be active and a part of their squadron," he said. "It's a spouse reaching out to a spouse. In most cases, it gives the spouse seeking assistance the feeling of 'you know what I'm going through'

when they talk to a Phoenix Spouse.'

The next training session for Phoenix Spouses is Oct. 9 from 8 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. at the A&FRF, with lunch included. The A&FRF also hosts general Phoenix Spouse meetings to stay connected with what

families are going through. The Phoenix Spouse program is a resource used to enhance squadron family readiness. It allows for effective communication and support and is an important aspect of any military family. For more information about becoming a Phoenix Spouse or to learn how to be connected with your Phoenix Spouse, contact Sergeant Smith at the Airmen & Family Readiness Flight, 394-2438.

Orbit Comet comes to Pope

Story and photos by Tech. Sgt. Todd Wivell

The occupants at the 43rd Airlift Wing Headquarters building are going about their daily tasks. The commanders support staff duties include mail distribution to all the wing staff agencies. As they are distributing their mail, they come across a package addressed to the wing commander.

The package seems suspicious as there is no return address and the address label is poorly written. Going with their instincts the staff decides to call the law enforcement desk for their assistance. This call starts a chain of events that includes joint support from Pope, Fort Bragg and Fayetteville agencies.

Although this is a fictitious event, it could very well happen. In order to prepare for this type of an event, Pope Air Force Base along with Fort Bragg and Fayetteville agencies will participate in the joint Orbit Comet exercise scheduled for Oct. 6 through 10.

Orbit Comet is the largest fullscale anti-terrorism exercise in North Carolina. The purpose of the exercise is to develop creative and realistic scenarios that evaluate how first responders deal with real world terrorism scenarios. This exercise will test capabilities, processes and existing relation-



Firefighters from the 43rd Civil Engineer Squadron assist a role player off the field during the 2007 Orbit Comet exercise.

defense organizations.

In years past, scenarios testing joint endeavors with the Fayetteville Police Department and Cumberland County Sherriff's Office along with the FBI and Pope Security Forces have been played out. Some of these scenarios included mock raids on government housing and suspicious devices planted throughout the

As a reminder, every employee of Pope can expect to be affected by this anti-terrorism exercise. All visitors, to include retirees, should be aware of the inconveniences that may be experienced through this exercise. Military members are encouraged to bring bag lunches and expect extended duty hours.

cover calls, longer wait time at the clinic, military personnel flight office and other customer service offices on Pope.

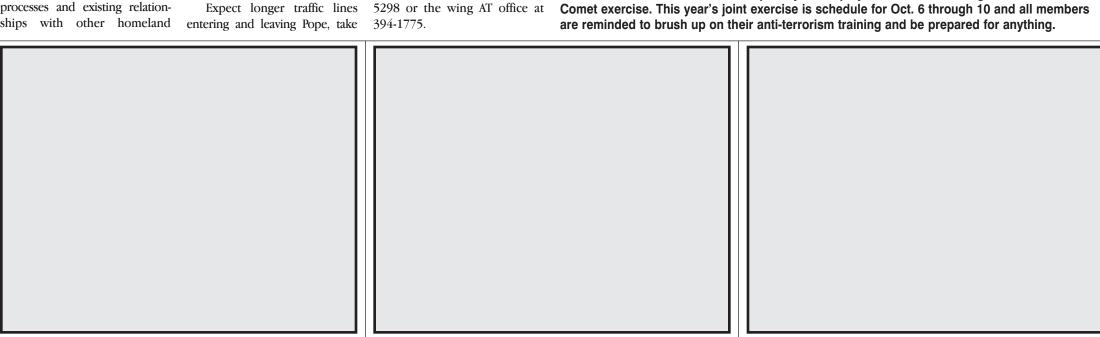
It is everyone's responsibility to keep vigilant and cognizant of their surroundings. Do not get complacent with your daily duties and tasks, if something seems suspicious than react appropriately and do not just let it go.

Each unit on Pope has an antiterrorism monitor and it's their responsibility to ensure you are properly trained on proper AT procedures and processed. For questions, please call your respective unit AT representative.

For more information on this upcoming exercise, contact the wing planning office at 394-



Members of the 43rd Medical Group carry a role player off the field during the 2007 Orbit





18th AF/CC visits Pope
Col. John McDonald, 43rd Airlift Wing Commander, greets Maj. Gen. Winfield Scott II, 18th Air Force Commander, on Silver Ramp Tuesday. General Scott visited Pope to address different issues associated with the ongoing Base Realignment and Closure process. General Scott is a former 43rd AW Commander.



Operation Nighthawk

Staff Sgt. Eric Barrios, 43rd Security Forces Squadron, and his K-9, Mia, perform a car search as part of Operation Nighthawk at the Pope Fitness Center Sept. 19. All vehicles that entered Reilly and Manchester Gates were searched, and active duty Air Force members were required to give a wine searched. to give urinalysis samples as part of the random check.

LOCAL

Hurst Drive reopens

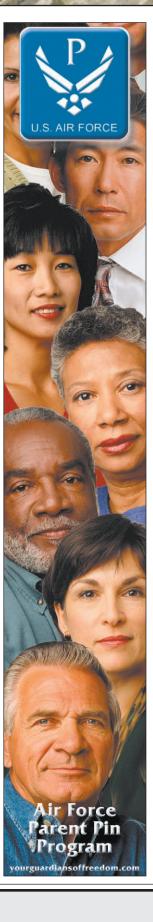


Due to Tropical Storm Hanna, portions of Hurst Drive had to be closed down for a time; however, Hurst Drive will reopen Monday, but drivers must adhere to the following traffic guidelines when traveling on the roadway:

- Vehicle operators need to obey all traffic signs when approaching this single-lane traffic area on Hurst Drive. The speed limit is reduced to 20 miles per hour in the vicinity of the fuel tanks and remains 20 miles per hour until reaching the top of the hill past the fire training pit.
- Vehicle operators must come to a complete stop at the stop sign in front of the single-lane area, ensure no other vehicles are approaching from the other direction, and then proceed with caution through the single-lane
 - Vehicle operators heading west (toward Green Ramp) need to return to the right lane as soon as they clear the vehicle barriers to ensure there are no accidents with oncoming traffic.

Due to construction beginning within the next couple of weeks, passengers should expect delays while driving on Hurst Drive.

For more information, call Capt. Chris Carnduff at 394-2403.





Air Force Marathon



(Top) Pictured left to right, Senior Airman Cande Alaniz, 21st Special Tactics **Squadron, Airman 1st Class** Sagan Barber and Capt. Dana Longo, both from the 43rd Medical Group, all participated in the Air Force Marathon Saturday at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio. The purpose of the Air **Force Marathon was to raise** funds for the Fisher House Foundation.

(Left) Capt. Dana Longo, 43rd Medical Group, trains at the Pope Fitness track, Tuesday. Captain Longo participated in the Air Force Marathon, Saturday at Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio. Captain Longo ran 13.1 miles with a time of 1:52:04 and raised \$1,350 toward the Fisher House



Airmen and Soldiers conduct simulated combat operations during a training exercise on Fort Bragg, Sept. 14. The members are all training in preparation to deploy as a Provincial Reconstruction Team to the Nangarhar Province in Afghanistan. More than 175 Airmen have trained with their joint teams for the past two months and are scheduled to deploy next month.

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Another first-time deployer said she sought waivers in order to get deployed because she believes so much in making a difference in the lives of the Afghan people.

"The people over in Afghanistan don't have the resources we have," Airman 1st Class Rachel Gabbard, PRT Laghman, said. "We can bring those resources to them and show them we are trying to help. It's always a good thing to help people out no matter how they may feel about you. It is being the bigger person."

She also said she feels secure in the training she is

"If I ever have a question, no one hesitates to answer it," said Airman Gabbard, who is deployed from Lackland AFB. "If they don't know, they find out for me."

In addition to teaching in a joint environment, the training instructors attempt to make the environment as realistic as possible. During a recent simulated attack on PRT Nangarhar, the instructors simulated a mortar attack on the training Forward Operating Base, while conducting a small-arms assault on the convoy.

The instructors were impressed with the leadership and quick reaction of the team members, said Lt. Col. Steve Cabosky, PRT Nangarhar commander, said.

"If we are going to see it over there, we will practice it here," said the colonel, deployed from MacDill AFB, Fla. "Many of the instructors have just returned from a deployment in Afghanistan, and they

are using those experiences to expose us to as many threats as possible to ensure we are fully prepared to deploy together."

Despite the risks the deployment poses, many are just looking forward to getting there to share the knowledge they have received with the people of Afghanistan.

"I don't think most of the general population knows about this type of mission; I know I didn't before I was assigned," Sergeant Palmer said. "We are not just blowing stuff up and killing people. We are over there training their people and trying to help them

"Like the old saying goes, we are trying to teach them to fish, not just give them a fish," the sergeant said. "If it's as bad as they say over there, then we're doing a good thing and I can't wait to help out."

Foundation.	
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SPORTS





(Top) Logan Oaks, 10, prepares to kick from a tee as Bob Talley readies the ball.

(Left) Jalen Harris, 11, drops the ball just before punting as part of the National Football League's Punt, Pass and Kick challenge Saturday at the football field outside of Pope's Fitness Center.

Pope youth take aim at NFL Punt, Pass, Kick

By Vicky Haskins

43rd Force Support Squadron

Youth Programs supported the development of young athletes as they hosted a National Football League sponsored football challenge for boys and girls ages 8 to 15.

Winners in each category were determined by the total distance and accuracy of their punts, passes and kicks, as the name of the contest

Staff Sgt. Jon LaDue, 43rd Airlift Wing, demonstrated skills to the athletes as they listened and practiced prior to the start of the competition.

"All of the kids were extremely excited to participate and they all brought some good skills to the event," Sergeant LaDue said. "I just helped them a little on their techniques. It was a great event, enjoyed by all."

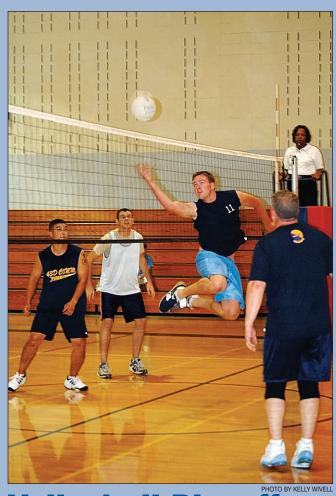
Pope's winners will now move on to the next level at Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point, N.C.

The ultimate win is to be sponsored by a National Football League team and to show the winner's skill in an official NFL stadium. The finalists will be announced during a commercial break during the NFL playoffs.

Call Bob Talley at 394-2869, for dates of youth sport clinics and challenges.

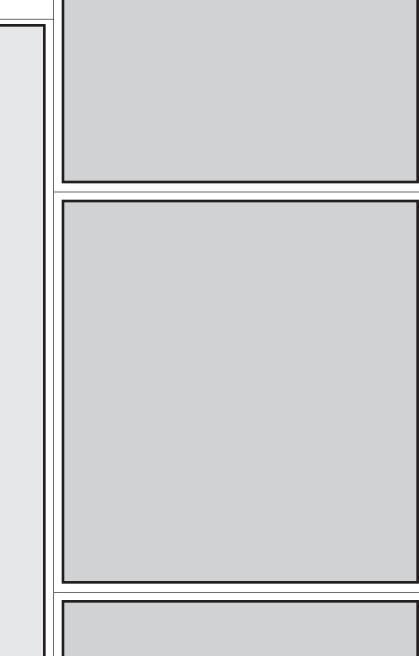


Amani Manning, 13, launches a pass at the Pope football field Saturday.

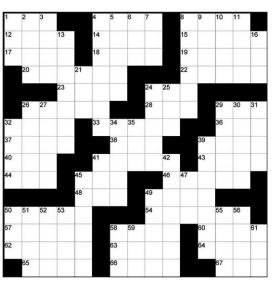


Volleyball Playoffs

Scott Frye, 2nd Airlift Squadron, jumps to return a ball from the 43rd Communications Squadron team during an intramural volleyball playoff game Monday night. 43rd CS won the match to move up in the playoff bracket.



EXTRA



Celebrating Hispanic Heritage

by Capt. Tony Wickman **USAFE Public Affairs**

- **ACROSS**
- 1. Delirious
- Buy Me Love Wanted 8. America's
- 12. Oil cartel
- 14. Away from the wind
- 15. Visible 17. Site of a leaning tower

- 18. Make an election decision
- 19. Oscar winner Zellweger 20. Title for USAF member
- 22. Terminated
- 23. Leak
- 24. Adult male
- 26. Brooch
- 28. Overseas mil. Address starter
- 29. U.S. retail pharmacy chain
- 32. Commanded 33. Strike down
- 36. Have pain
- 37. Dry
- 38. Bullring cheer
- 39. Civil right org.
- 40. Company head, in brief
- 41. Miriam ___; famous Puerto Rican actress
- 44. Billboards
- 45. Auto 46. Severo

43. Saga

- ; Hispanic-American Nobel prize winning physician
- 48. Map road, in brief
- 49. Assert
- 50. Words spoken so as not to be heard by others
- 54. Watch out
- 57. Capt Euripides ___; Hispanic-American Medal of Honor recipient
- 58. Skin or rind of certain fruits and vegetables

- 60. John __; first-ever Hispanic heavyweight champion
- 62. Pilot program
- 63. Exam type
- 64. Wear down
- quam videri; N.C. motto
- 66. Brief recording illustrating the abilities of a musi-
- 67. Actor Beatty

DOWN

- 1. Swab the deck
- 2. Capital of Western Samoa
- 3. Cuban-American TV icon Arnaz
- 4. Richard E. ; U.S. Army's first Hispanic four-star general
- 5. Isolated
- 6. NJ player
- 7. Golf prop
- 8. Oscar winning Puerto Rican actress, dancer, singer
- 9. Kitchen appliance
- 10. Transmit
- 11. Elm or oak
- 13. Bounced
- 16. Mass. Senator Kennedy
- 21. Homer's bartender
- 24. Fernando : Mexican-American who created 'Toys for Guns" program in L.A. 25. Mock
- 26. Had thoughts or regard for another 27. Goodbye in the barrio

- 29. Chocolate source
- 30. Mexican icon Pancho
- 31. Turn on an axis; rotate 32. Spec4 John ___; Hispanic-American Medal of
- Honor recipient
- 34. James Bond portrayer
- 39. From side to side; crosswise 41. Feline
- 42. Antonia Coello ___: first Hispanic-American female U.S. Surgeon General
- 45. West Indies or Spanish America person
- 47. Milk producer
- 49. At right angles to the fore-and-aft line
- 50. Pop or deco
- 51. Convinced
- 52. Large wading bird
- 53. PFC Ralph ; Hispanic-American Medal of Honor
- 55. Derail
- 56. Ireland, formerly
- 58. School of marine mam mals
- 59. Before, poetically
- 61. 26th letter of the Roman alphabet



Pope chapel

315 Ethridge Street 394-2677

Religious services

For bible studies call the chapel

Traditional service: Sunday, 8 a.m. **Contemporary serv-**

ice: Sunday, 11 a.m. **Protestant Com-**

bined Worship: 11.a.m. the second Sunday of each month and all holidays

Sunday school (all ages): 9:30 a.m. Pope Elementary

Catholic services: Sunday at 9:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Daily mass: Monday through Thursday, 11:30

Reconciliation: Sunday from 9 to 9:30 a.m. or by appointment.

Choir rehearsal: Monday at 7 p.m.

RCIA: Thursday at 6 CCD: 11 a.m. at Pope

Elementary School

Services offered at Fort Bragg

Catholic service: JFK Chapel, Ardennes Street, Saturday at 5 p.m. Confessions at 4 p.m.

Muslim or Orthodox Christian services: Call the Fort Bragg

Officers' Christian Fellowship: Bible study on leadership,

Chapel at 396-1121.

Wednesday at 6 a.m. **Jewish services:** Contact the Beth Israel

Congregation Community Center on Morganton Road at 484-6462.

Wiccan ceremonies:

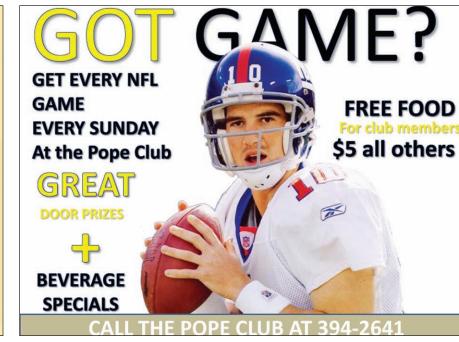
The Watters Center on Fort Bragg holds an open circle Thursday at 7:30 p.m.











Movies

All movies, unless otherwise posted, start at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$2 for adults and \$1.50 for children 12 and younger.

Pope Theater

- **Armistead Street**
- Tonight: Star Wars: The Clone Wars (PG) 6 p.m. On the front lines of an intergalactic struggle between
- good and evil, fans young and old will join such favorite characters as Anakin Skywalker, Obi-Wan Kenobi and Padmae Amidala, along with brand-new
- heroes like Anakin's padawan learner, Ahsoka. Sinister villains--led by Palpatine, Count Dooku and General Grievous--are poised to rule the galaxy. Stakes are nigh, and the fate of the Star Wars universe rests in the
 - hands of the daring Jedi Knights. Their exploits lead to the action-packed battles and astonishing new revelations.
 - Saturday: Star Wars: The Clone Wars (PG) 1 p.m.; The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants 2 (PG-13) 4 p.m.; Journey to the Center of the Earth (PG) 8 p.m.



Tonight: The Dark Knight (PG-13) 9 p.m. Batman is taken across the work in his quest to fight a growing criminal threat. With the help of Lieutenant Jim Gordon and District Attorney Harvey Dent, Batman has been making headway against local crime...until a rising criminal mastermind known as The Joker unleashes a fresh reign of chaos across Gotham City. To stop this devious new menace, Batman's most personal and vicious enemy yet, he will have to use every high-tech weapon in his arsenal and confront everything he believes. Sunday: Star Wars: The Clone Wars (PG) 1 p.m.; Mamma Mia (PG-13) 4 p.m.; Step Brothers (R) 8 p.m.

Alvin C. York Theater closed until Nov. 30 for renovation.

Kitty Hawk Inn

394-4377 Monday - Friday Breakfast: 5:30 to 7 a.m.

Supper: 4 to 6 p.m

Travel

Lunch: 10:30 a.m to 1 p.m.

Dinner: 4 to 7 p.m. Saturday, Sunday, Holidays and downdays Brunch: 7 a.m. to noon

Habanero Mexican Grill 394-4580 **Breakfast** Monday - Friday: 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Saturday and Sunday: 7 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Daily: 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Information, Tickets and 394-4478

Monday - Friday: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Library

394-2869

Monday - Thursday: 9:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Friday: 9:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Story time: 4 p.m. Saturday: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. **Wood Shop**

394-5049 Tuesday - Thursday: 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. **School Age Programs**

Tuesday - Thursday: 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Monday - Friday: 6 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. **Auto Hobby Shop**

Friday and Saturday: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. **Community Center** 394-2779

Monday - Friday: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. **Youth Center** 394-4512

Monday - Thursday: 2:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday: 2:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. **Bowling Center** 394-2891

Monday - Wednesday: 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday: 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday: 11 a.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday: 9 a.m. to 12 a.m. Sunday: 1 to 7 p.m

Willow Lakes Golf Course

Friday and Saturday: 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

□ 394-GOLF

Sunday: 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. **Fitness Center**

394-2671

Monday - Friday: 5 a.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday and Sunday: 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Holidays and family days: 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Frame and Design Arts 394-4192

Tuesday: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday: 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m **Butler's Barber Shop**

□ 394-4387 Monday - Friday: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. **Mack's Barber Shop**

436-7718 Monday - Friday: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. **Pope Pool**

□ 394-4386 Tuesday - Friday Open Swim: 4 p.m to 7 p.m.

Saturday: 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday and Holidays: Noon to 7 p.m. Pool closes Sept. 21 **Equipment Rental**

□ 394-4730

Monday - Friday: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday: 8 a.m. to Noon **Family Child Care**

□ 394-2382 Monday - Friday: 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. **Child Development Center**

394-4323/2724 Monday - Friday: 6:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.